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Portland Harbor Superfund Site
Final Explanation of Significant Differences

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has issued the final Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) that identifies changes to the Selected Remedy in the 2017 Record of Decision (ROD) at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site in Portland, Oregon. This ESD occurred because EPA’s Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) issued a reduction in the cancer calculation for benzo(a)pyrene which is a polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) and a contaminant of concern at the Site.

No substantive changes were made from the Proposed ESD to this Final ESD.

EPA received input from over 1,100 commenters on the Proposed ESD and finalized the ESD after reviewing and responding to comments. The Final ESD:

- Revises the sediment cleanup levels, shellfish target level, and the nearshore remedial action level for cPAHs
- Reduces the sediment cleanup area by 17 acres from the total 2,200 acres (less than one percent)
- Reduces the estimated cost of the Selected Remedy by \$35 million from the original \$1 billion (about 3.5 percent)

Please read this Final ESD fact sheet for more detailed information: <https://go.usa.gov/xpwMC>

Documents: The final ESD, responsiveness summary, and administrative record are on EPA’s website at www.epa.gov/superfund/portland-harbor

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